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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAS AGREED TO DESCRIBE THE MCM DOCUMENT AND THE NATO COMPANION VOLUME AS "PRIMARY SOURCES," WITH OTHER STUDIES DESCRIBED AS "SUBSIDIARY DOCUMENTS." WITH RESPECT TO SGDS REQUEST IN PARA 5, REF A, WE DO NOT FORESEE PROBLEMS IN SUBMITTING DATA ON END-YEAR 1975 STRENGTHS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1976.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE (REF B) ON LIMITED FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCES, THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED:

A. MISSION IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT WE NOW PREFER A FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE FOR US AND USSR SUCH AS 5,000 PERSONNEL WHICH COULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM AIR FORCE MANPOWER TO GROUND MANPOWER, INSTEAD OF EXPRESSING THE FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF RESIDUAL AIR MANPOWER.

B. WITH RESPECT TO CANADIAN REP CONCERN AS TO WHETHER THE FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE WILL ALSO APPLY A LIMIT ON TRANSFERS FROM GROUND TO AIR FORCES, MISSION SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PARA 16 OF ALLIED POSITION PAPER ON OPTION III STATES THERE WOULD BE NO SUBCEILING ON AIR MANPOWER. THEREFORE, THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIFIED NUMERICAL LIMIT ON CONVERTING GROUND MANPOWER INTO AIR MANPOWER AS LONG AS THE COMBINED MANPOWER CEILING WAS NOT EXCEEDED (PARA 1, REF C).

C. ON THE ISSUE OF FLEXIBILITY THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED BY THE NON-US ALLIES BETWEEN PHASES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE WG STUDY SHOULD CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES AS WELL AS DISADVANTAGES OF A FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE BETWEEN PHASES. THE TEXT OF THE MBFR STAFF GROUP DRAFT (REF B) POINTS OUT THAT ALLIED PARTICIPANTS HAVE NO KNOWN RESTRUCTURING PLANS FOR THE COMING FIVE YEARS. AS TRUE AS THAT MAY BE, AN UNFORESEEN NEED FOR RESTRUCTURING COULD DEVELOP IN THE SHORT TERM. IN ADDITION, THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES IS NOT CLEARLY FIXED; THEREFORE, THE ALLIES MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SOME FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN PHASES TO MAKE MINOR VARIATIONS IN SERVICE MANNING

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